

Cercocarpus betuloides

Western Mountain Mahogany

SHRUB - evergreen.

6 - 25' high, 12' wide. Open, stiff, erect. Silvery gray bark.

Leaves dark green , paler beneath.

Clusters of tiny, whitish flowers - March to May.

Long, feathery seed plumes in summer.

Native habitat: chaparral, oak woodland - dry slopes and in washes below 6000' - cismontane California and Baja California.

Full sun. Frost resistant.

Well-drained soil.

Drought tolerant, but will do better with some summer water.

Good screen, background shrub. Can be pruned and shaped into a small tree or informal hedge.



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